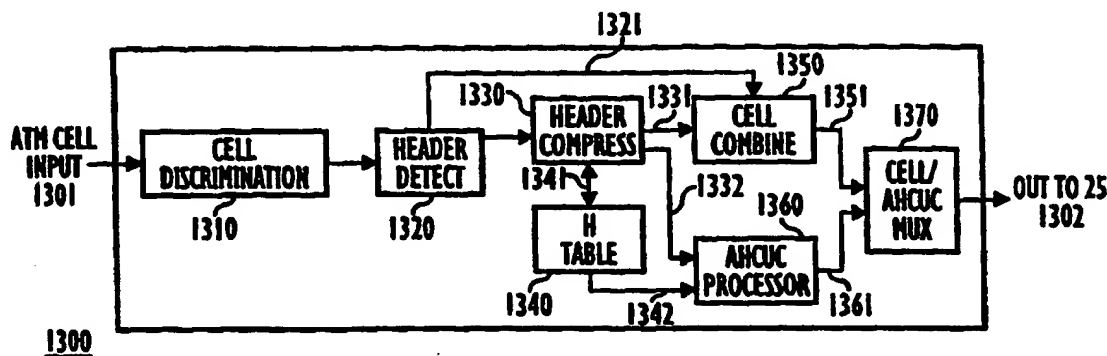




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An apparatus for compressing the header of ATM cells in order to provide greater bandwidth includes means for discriminating cells/packets (1310), means for detecting header (1320), means for compressing header (1330), means for combining compressed header with payload (1350), means for discriminating compressed header cell/packet (1710), means for detecting header in compressed header and separating header from payload (1720), means for decompressing header (1730), and means for combining decompressed header with payload (1740) to form cell/packets.

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